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**TRIPLE ARRAY DEFIBRILLATION CATHETER  
AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME**

**Cross Reference to Related Application**

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application  
Serial No. 60/101,865, filed September 25, 1998.

**Background of the Invention**

The present invention is directed toward a defibrillation catheter and more particularly, toward a method and apparatus for facilitating intracardiac atrial defibrillation.

Atrial defibrillation is a common arrhythmia that afflicts more than 1.5 million patients in the U.S. alone. It is by far the most prevalent cardiac rhythm disorder associated with hospitalization. Symptoms associated with chronic atrial fibrillation include: awareness of irregularity, palpitations, fatigue, and diminished exercise tolerance. Atrial fibrillation has also been recognized as one of the main contributing factors of embolic strokes.

The risks and symptoms associated with atrial fibrillation confirm the necessity for restoration of sinus rhythm. Two commonly employed methods for performing an intracardiac atrial defibrillation procedure are drug therapy and external cardioversion. With regard to drug therapy, studies have shown that there is a risk for proarrhythmic effects, especially in patients with atrial fibrillation and a history of

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